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1. EMBOFF MET WITH DIRECTOR FOR ROAD TRAFFIC KUIPERBAK MARCH 4 TO SEEK ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL. KUIPERBAK EXPLAINED THAT EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION IN TRANSPORT MINISTRY AND LACK OF PERSONNEL WERE BEHIND HIS FAILURE TO DATE TO FOLLOW UP ON CCMS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WORK.

2. KUIPERBAK IS NOW HOPING TO SHIFT LOCUS OF THESE ACTIVITIES FROM NATO/CCMS TO OECD. HE WILL ATTEND MEETING IN PARIS MARCH 12 OF AD HOC GROUP UNDER OECD'S ROAD RESEARCH COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO OECD WORKING DOCUMENT RR/SC/WD/75.7 OF FEB 27, 1975, OF WHICH KUIPERBAK PROVIDED US A COPY, GROUP IS BEING SET UP IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL BY DR. CAMPBELL OF CANADA TO

A) "GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL (BASIC DATA FORM) FOR IN-DEPTH ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS;

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B) "ESTABLISH A METHOD TO ENSURE THE INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION

OBTAINED FROM ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS EITHER BY USING COMPATIBLE DATA CENTRES OR BY ESTABLISHING A COMMON DATA SOURCE." KUIPERBAK HOPES THAT OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WILL BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH CANADA AND COORDINATE NATO EFFORT WITH THAT BEING UNDERTAKEN BY NEW GROUP.

3. KUIPERBAK'S ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN PARA 5 REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) MOST COUNTRIES WOULD PREFER DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM, USING SAME COMPUTER LANGUAGE. IT IS NOT UP TO NETHERLANDS TO PROPOSE BUT IS RATHER RESPONSIBILITY OF OECD.

B) HE CANNOT YET ANSWER THIS.

C) AN UPDATING MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

IT IS A QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED LATER. FIRST THERE MUST BE AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES.

D) WE WILL KNOW AFTER MARCH 12 MEETING OECD AD HOC GROUP.

E) NO TO BOTH.

F) NO.

4. KUIPERBAK EXPECTS TO ATTEND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY SCHEDULED JULY 14-16 IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE WILL TRY TO USE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT US ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PERSONNEL.

5. COMMENT: KUIPERBAK APPEARED EMBARRASSED BY HIS DELAY IN CARRYING OUT FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES, BUT WE THINK HIS EXCUSE SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. HE HAS REPUTATION WITH EMBASSY FOR HELPFULNESS AND ABILITY. IF HIS PLAN TO USE OECD IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW RIGHT AWAY SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIM BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR PARIS. GOULD

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